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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE
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WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR THE SHAH FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE DATED MAY 23 FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE SHAH WHICH YOU SHOULD DELIVER
AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW BY
POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY. SECRETARY VANCE
HAS GIVEN ME A FULL REPORT ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU
IN TEHRAN, INCLUDING YOUR WIDE-RANGING AND INSIGHTFUL
DISCUSSION OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST,
SOUTH ASIA AND OTHER GLOBAL ISSUES. I WAS PARTICULARLY
PLEASED THAT THE DATES OF THE CENTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
COULD BE REARRANGED TO PERMIT SECRETARY VANCE TO ATTEND AND
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TO MEET WITH YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS IN GIVING
SO GENEROUSLY OF YOUR TIME FOR THIS MEETING.

3. IN VIEW OF THE MANY INTERESTS SHARED BY OUR TWO
NATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN FREQUENT CONTACT.
I EXPECT THAT AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WILL BE CONFIRMED

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND HIS PRESENCE IN TEHRAN WILL BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN MAINTAINING AN EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE MAJOR ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US BOTH.

4. YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 27, 1977 WAS VERY HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING FOR ME SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LED YOU TO REDUCE YOUR LAND-BASED RADAR PROGRAM IN FAVOR OF AWACS AIRCRAFT. AFTER FURTHER REVIEW, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT A TOTAL OF SEVEN AWACS AIRCRAFT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, RATHER THAN THE FIVE AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED. I BELIEVE THIS FAIRLY REFLECTS BOTH IRAN'S MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE OF EXERCISING RESTRAINT IN THE FIELD OF ARMS TRANSFERS.

5. WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS, I HAVE APPROVED A NEW SET OF POLICY GUIDELINES ON THE FOREIGN SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SECRETARY VANCE HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THE OUTLINES OF THE NEW POLICY WITH YOU, AND AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU IN MORE DETAIL UPON HIS ARRIVAL. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, I WISH TO GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL ASSURANCES THAT THIS POLICY WILL NOT DISTURB THE CLOSE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES OVER MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

6. ROSALYNN IS DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY DURING HER FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR MY PART, I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU
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WERE ABLE TO ACCEPT MY INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FULLER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH YOU AND TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR GREAT EXPERIENCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. UNTIL THAT TIME, I TRUST THAT YOU WILL NOT HESITATE TO BRING TO MY ATTENTION BY LETTER OR MESSAGE ANY MATTERS AFFECTING THE CONTINUED WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

7. ORIGINAL HAS FOLLOWING HANDWRITTEN NOTATION:
BEST PERSONAL WISHES, J.C. VANCE

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